

of pork. They also enjoyed venison if a deer came in sight. Among the workmen, "Uncle Billie" Bethers became almost a legend. His hands shook very badly, but he was a crack shot. When deer would come in sight he would pick up a rifle, and while his companions would wonder if he could ever keep the weapon still long enough to shoot, he would aim at his prey and always get it. Tradition has it that he never missed.

Eight-hour days were unknown to the canal workmen, and they labored from dawn to dusk, and then spent the evenings around camp

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Registration Certificate No. 1283

APPLICATION 1808. **William Peters**, this day, for himself, the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of a Disposition of the Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 2d of May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of William Peters has been established and duly acknowledged, in conformity to law, for the north east quarter of section twenty one, in Township four south of Range five east of Salt Lake Meridian, in Utah Territory, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General:

You know ye. That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said William Betters,

the part of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereto, unto the said William Bether and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs and in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the rights of the proprietors of a vein or ledge to extract and remove for its thorough, should the same be found to terminate at intersect the premises hereby granted, as measured by law.

In testimony whereof, I, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be read

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the thirteenth day of November, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and of the Independence of the  
United States the sixty third anniversary.

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Abraham Lincoln* By *John C. Calhoun*, Secretary  
*S. W. McCorkell*, Recorder of the General Land Office.

### Technical Summary

The official homestead papers for William S. Bether who was the first white man to establish a permanent home in the Daniel area. The document bears the signature of President Chester A. Arthur and is dated November 15, 1881.

fires spinning tall tales and workmen's yarns. All their wages were in stock in the irrigation company.

Part of the canal route required a 1,000 foot tunnel through the divide into McGuire Canyon. George Muir took the contract to drive the tunnel, and sub-let the work to James and Andrew Lindsay. One started from the east end and the other from the west. When they met, the west end was a foot higher, which caused many problems. During Spring run-offs silt would settle at this point and cause the water to back up. Cave-ins were also a problem in the tunnel, and usually dangerous to clear out.

Three difficult years of sacrifice and labor were required to build the three-mile Strawberry Canal, but by 1889 it was delivering some 33 second-feet of water into the Daniel area. More than \$6,000 had been